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TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD

The Texas Veterans Land Board will conduct a special called meeting to be held in person on July 30, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. at Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress Ave., Room 170, in accordance with the Texas Government Code §551 (Open Meetings Act).

Access to the meeting by members of the public will be published in advance in the Texas Register in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. A link to access the meeting via video conference call will be posted on the Texas General Land Office's website on the morning of the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Veterans Land Board on a matter within the authority of the Veterans Land Board should indicate so at the start of the meeting or during any public comment period.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
 - a. Roll call and quorum established
 - b. Invocation
 - c. Pledge of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags
 - d. Presentation of Alamo flag by Board to Chaplain
2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of June 25, 2024.
3. Citizen communication (Two Minutes each. No deliberations with the Board. The Board may respond only with factual statements, recitation of existing policy, and requests for an item to be placed on a future Agenda.)
4. Chair and Board Member Opening Comments.
5. Veterans Land Board Bond Funds Management
 - a. Quarterly Veterans Land, Housing and Home Improvement Program Production Update for Fiscal Year 2024 3rd Quarter.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to adjust resident room rates to match changes in State Home Per Diem Program and other related matters.

6. Veterans Land Board Land and Housing
 - a. Consideration and possible action to set aside bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held July 18, 2024, on any tract where the account holder is making an appeal.
 - b. Consideration and possible action to accept and award all qualified high bids received from the Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale held July 18, 2024.
 - c. Consideration and possible action on request to forfeit VLB delinquent land accounts and accounts involved in tax suits.
 - d. Consideration and possible action on request to Order for Sale land tracts that may be included in the next Online Bidding Forfeited Land Sale and to set the next Quarterly Electronic Forfeited Land Sale bidding period to begin September 3, 2024, through October 17, 2024.

7. Texas State Veterans Cemeteries
 - a. Report on cemetery operations.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to execute a contract related to engineering services, design, and related matters for the expansion of the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.
 - c. Consideration and possible action on delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to execute contracts for the management and operations of the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi, and the West Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Lubbock.

8. Texas State Veterans Homes
 - a. Report on State Veterans Homes Operations.

9. Legal Services
 - a. Consideration and possible action to delegate authority to the Executive Secretary on granting an easement to the City of Lubbock to maintain a water line on West Texas State Veterans Cemetery property.
 - b. Consideration and possible action on a request to assign financial services related to swap transactions under a contract with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc.
 - c. Consideration and possible action on the final adoption of the proposed amendment to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Part 5, Chapter 175, Subchapter B, §175.72.
 - d. Consideration and possible action on the maximum loan amount for qualified dual spouse veterans related to the land loan program.

10. Construction Services Update
 - a. Report on Construction Services.

11. Executive Secretary Report

- a. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing the transfer of Veterans Land Board funds to the General Land Office for direct and indirect administration expenses for FY 25.
- b. Report on Veterans Land Board operations.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Veterans Land Board will now convene in Executive Session pursuant to the following provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code:

- a. Section 551.071 - Consultation with attorney regarding issues concerning construction and warranty at the Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home in Houston, Texas.
- b. Section 551.071 - Consultation with attorney regarding issues concerning construction at the Tuskegee Airmen Texas State Veterans Home in Fort Worth, Texas.

III. RECONVENE REGULAR AGENDA

12. Consider Action, If Any, On Items Discussed in Executive Session.

13. Chair and Board Member Closing Comments.

14. Adjournment.

An unscheduled Closed Executive Session may be called to discuss any item on this posted agenda provided it is within one of the permitted categories under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The above agenda schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated items and is subject to change at any time. All agenda items are subject to final action by the Board. Separate agenda items may be combined and discussed together at the discretion of the Chair. Any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in closed Executive Session shall be made in an open meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Certain information may be presented to and by the Board, under the headings of "Citizen Communications", and "Board Comments" however, by law, the Board shall not discuss, deliberate, or vote upon such matters except that a statement of specific factual information, a recitation of existing policy, and deliberations concerning the placing of the subject on a subsequent agenda may take place. The General Counsel has approved the Executive Session Items on this agenda.

The Texas Veterans Land Board meeting room is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spots are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact (800)998-4456 for further information.



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